

**FY2017 Genesee County High Tunnel System (HTS) Initiative
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
APPLICATION SCREENING TOOL**

Instructions:

This screening tool must be completed for each eligible Genesee County HTS Initiative EQIP application. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs.

Completion of this worksheet and associated documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file, and the screening priority (high, medium or low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

Applicant Name: _____
Application Number: _____
Genesee County Location: _____

Step 1. Is this HTS project located within a USDA-Economic Research Service (ERS) food desert, as shown on the Food Deserts Map for Genesee County located on Michigan SharePoint or the EQIP Ranking ArcMap layer?

- Yes. The application is high priority. Stop here and proceed to signature.
- No. Proceed to Step 2.

Step 2. Is this HTS project located within the City of Flint or within a 2-mile radius of a USDA-Economic Research Service (ERS) food desert, as shown on the Food Deserts Map for Genesee County located on Michigan SharePoint or the EQIP Ranking ArcMap layer?

- Yes. The application is medium priority. Proceed to signature.
- No. The application is low priority. Proceed to signature.

This application is:

- High Priority**
- Medium Priority**
- Low Priority**

NRCS Representative Signature

Date